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Coordinating Conjunctions: And, But, Or, So

Directions: A conjunction is a joining word. Think about how the two ideas fit together. Then choose your answer.

1. Each sentence has a joining word. Match each sentence to the job that word does.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ Ivy swept the porch, and she watered the plants.
2. _____ The soup is hot, but the bread is cold.
3. _____ We can bake muffins, or we can make soup.
4. _____ The rain started, so we went inside.

A. adds a second idea to the first
B. shows that the ideas are choices
C. shows that the second idea is different
D. shows that the ideas mean the same thing
E. shows that the second idea is a result

2. Which word is the conjunction in this sentence?

"Mateo wanted a snack, so he peeled an orange."

A. snack B. so C. peeled D. wanted

3. Think about this sentence.

"Tia likes peas, but her brother likes corn."

What does the word *but* tell you about Tia and her brother?

A. Tia has to make a choice.
B. They like different foods.
C. Her brother ate first.
D. They like the same food.

4. Kai wants to show a result. Which word should join these two ideas?

"The puddle was deep. Kai wore his boots."

A. or B. so C. but

5. Which sentence uses a joining word to show a difference between the kitten and the dog?

A. The kitten is tiny, or the dog is huge.
B. The kitten is tiny, so the dog is huge.
C. The kitten is tiny, but the dog is huge.

6. What does the word *and* tell you in this sentence?

"Omar fed the fish, and he cleaned the tank."

A. Omar forgot to clean the tank.
B. Omar fed the fish two times.
C. Omar had to pick one job.
D. Omar did two jobs.

7. Ben says the word *or* shows a result in this sentence.

"You can read a book, or you can draw."

Is Ben right?

A. No. The word *or* shows that two ideas are the same.
B. No. The word *or* gives a choice between two things.
C. Yes. Drawing is the result of reading.
D. Yes. The word *or* tells what happened next.

8. This longer sentence should give a choice. It uses the wrong joining word.

"For lunch, you can have soup, but you can have a sandwich."

Which change fixes the sentence?

A. Change *but* to *so*.
B. Change *soup* to *salad*.
C. Change *sandwich* to *sandwiches*.
D. Change *but* to *or*.